

REPORT CONCERNING ABATEMENT OF INTEREST ON UNDER-PAYMENTS BY TAXPAYERS IN PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREAS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 147

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget.

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 3309(c) of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, I hereby designate the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of section 3309 of such Act as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 1998.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6110. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on military expenditures for countries receiving U.S. assistance; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6111. A communication from the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subordination of Direct Loan Security to Secure a Guaranteed Line of Credit; Correction" (RIN0560-AE92) received on July 17, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6112. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding disclosures of energy consumption and water use for certain home appliances received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6113. A communication from the Director of the Office of Rulemaking Coordinator, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security and Control of Nuclear Explosives and Nuclear Weapons" (DOE O 452.4) received on July 8, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6114. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's semiannual report on audit, inspection and investigation activities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6115. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a major rule relative to interpretation of the Investment Advisers Act (Rls. No. IA-1732.1) received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6116. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a minor rule relative to interpreta-

tion of the Investment Advisers Act (Rls. No. IA-1732.2) received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6117. A communication from the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Comptroller's annual report for 1997 and a report on opinions relating to the preemption of state law for the period January 1992 through December 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6118. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Issuance of Advisory Opinions by the Office of Inspector General" (RIN0991-AA85) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6119. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Youth Programs of the Family Youth Service Bureau for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6120. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding International Monetary Fund proposals relative to the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on Military Assistance, Military Exports and Military Imports under the Foreign Assistance Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6122. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the Proliferation of Missiles and Essential Components of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical weapons for fiscal year 1992 and 1993; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6123. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the discharge of pollutants from organic pesticide manufacture (FRL6126-6) received on July 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6124. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding land disposal restrictions for petroleum refining process wastes (FRL6122-7) received on July 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6125. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Identification of Additional Ozone Areas Attaining the 1-Hour Standard and to Which the 1-Hour Standard is No Longer Applicable" (FRL6126-8) received on July 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 712. A bill to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information (Rept. No. 105-258).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 643. A bill to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3504. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance.

S. 1700. A bill to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Scott E. Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003. (Reappointment)

Darryl R. Wold, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Kark J. Sandstrom, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2340. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of qualified acupuncturist services under part B of the medicare program, and to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for coverage of such services under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BOND, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MACK, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2341. A bill to support enhanced drug interdiction efforts in the major transit countries and support a comprehensive supply eradication and crop substitution program in source countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 2342. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt certain facilities from the 3-year transition period under the prospective payment system for skilled nursing facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN: